

Poll gives Mondale win by 14% over Reagan

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"Frankly I'm surprised. I would have expected Reagan to do better particularly in this part of Pennsylvania," Dr. Robert Bresler, Chairman of the Public Policy program said. "I don't believe the poll is correct. A more scientific poll would probably indicate a much greater support for Reagan."

"Business is woefully under-represented and the gender gap is enormously broader than it really is...20 points," Bresler continued.

Reaction to these findings were "pleasantly surprising," said Franklin Kury, a Harrisburg Attorney and Council for Mondale in Pennsylvania.

Most polls are lopsided for Reagan," he noted.

"It goes to show you," he continued, "that there is a

more of a grass roots support for Mondale than the polls indicate."

Indeed most polls show Reagan leading by 12 - 15 percentage points with the gap still widening.

"I'm looking forward to a big upset on November 6," Kury said.

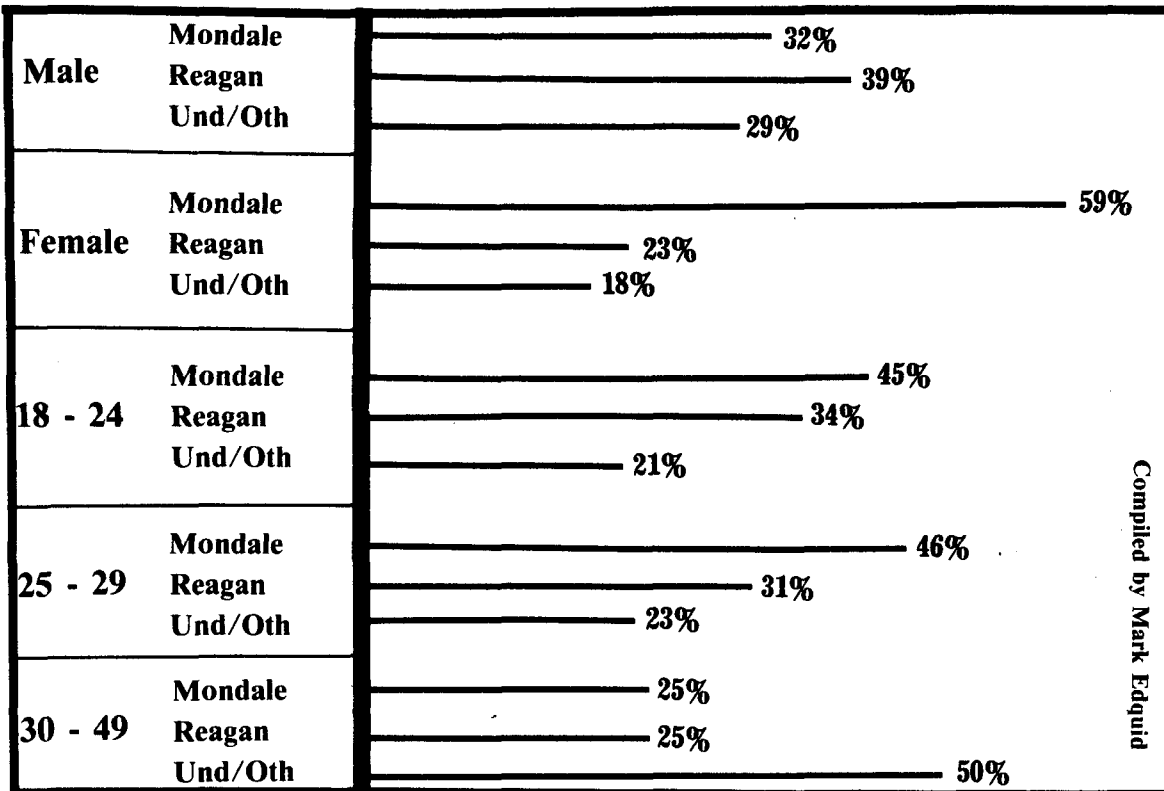
The response by Republicans in the area was skeptical.

"It doesn't sound normal to me," Robert C. Gwin, Cumberland County Republican Committee Chair, said. "Most college campuses are leaning toward Reagan."

As to whether or not a surprise upset for Reagan is in the making, Gwin replied, "I don't think so."

One thing that both Mondale and Reagan supporters agree on is -- It's not over 'til it's over."

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** Showdown '84 **

With record numbers of students registering to vote across the country, students will have an unprecedented opportunity to shape our nation's course on such issues as arms control, foreign policy, the economy, and others on November 6th, Election Day.

As a service to student voters, the National Student Campaign for Voter Registration offers this guide to the positions of the Democratic and Republican candidates for President, Walter Mondale and Ronald Reagan.



ARMS CONTROL

| | MONDALE | REAGAN |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Nuclear freeze. | YES | NO |
| "Star Wars" program. | NO | YES |
| MX missile. | NO | YES |
| B1 bomber. | NO | YES |
| Increase in defense spending. | 3-4% | 7.5% |

CENTRAL AMERICA

| | MONDALE | REAGAN |
|--|----------------------------|------------------|
| U.S. Aid to Nicaraguan rebels. | NO | YES |
| U.S. Aid to El Salvador. | Tie to human rights. | YES |
| "Contadora process" for negotiated settlement. | YES | Wavering. |
| U.S. military in Central America. | Remove all foreign forces. | YES in Honduras. |
| Mining of Nicaraguan harbors. | NO | YES |

THE ECONOMY

| | MONDALE | REAGAN |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| How to cut federal deficits. | Tax reform, cut military spending increases | Strong economic recovery for increased revenue, cut spending. |
| Balanced Budget Amendment. | NO | YES |
| Jobs for youth. | Targetted training programs. | Supports subminimum wage. |

CIVIL RIGHTS

| | MONDALE | REAGAN |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Equal Rights Amendment. | YES | NO |
| Equal pay for work of comparable worth. | YES | NO |
| Constitutional amendment to prohibit abortion. | NO | YES |
| Affirmative action. | Calls for "verifiable measurements." | Opposes quotas. |
| Voting Rights Act of 1981. | Supported. | Signed after initial opposition. |
| Busing to integrate schools. | YES | NO |

THE ENVIRONMENT

| | MONDALE | REAGAN |
|---|---------|--------------|
| Pollution controls to reduce acid rain. | YES | NO |
| Increase funding for hazardous waste Superfund. | YES | No position. |
| Compensate toxic exposure victims. | YES | No position. |
| Tax hazardous waste generators. | YES | No position. |

HIGHER EDUCATION

| | MONDALE | REAGAN |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| Federal student loans, grants, other aid. | Will strengthen. | Cut in 1981. |
| Abolish Department of Education. | NO | YES |

Sources: Congressional Quarterly, 1984 Democratic National Platform, 1984 Republican National Platform, The Washington Post.

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Forum slated for election

By Joseph L. Michalsky

The outcome of the feud between President Ronald Reagan and Walter "Fritz" Mondale will be discussed in a political forum to be held on November 8.

Guest speakers Robert Bresler and Michael Young will explain the who's and why's of the presidential and congressional elections.

Bresler, who is the Public Policy Program Chairman, feels that Reagan will win the election because of the general-

ding to Bresler. The question of Reagan's age was not considered a major issue, added Bresler.

Reagan's social programs placed the lower class at a distinct disadvantage in terms of economic or buying power stated Bresler. "If I were president I would cut the middle-upper class first, then the lower class," Bresler added. An inadequate defense was the reason for the bombings in Lebanon and Reagan must be given "compassion" for his situation said Bresler.

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**Robert Bresler
Public Policy Program Chair**

ly improved economy. Young, who is an instructor in Social Science and Public Policy, also believes that Reagan will win the election.

Citing the recently held presidential debates, Bresler said Mondale won the first debate and declared the second one a draw. George Bush's and Geraldine Ferraro's performances in their only vice-presidential debate was described as "unimpressive," accor-

"The military is moving too fast, spending too much on unnecessary weapons," Bresler said.

Although both Bresler and Young feel incumbent Ronald Reagan is going to win this election, they indicated that only the American public can decide the outcome.

The political forum will be held on Thursday, November 8 at 12:15 p.m. in the Gallery Lounge.